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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: L. Wills
DAISUKE FUJITA et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/714,953)	
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Filed: November 18, 2003)	
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For: NETWORK SCANNING)	
SYSTEM	:	July 1, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 2, 2008, the period for response to which having been extended to July 2, 2008 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the Group II claims, namely Claims 6, 7, 14 and 15. The Restriction Requirement is, however, traversed.

In this regard, Applicants traverse the grouping of claims. Specifically, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 6 is directed to a scanner connection apparatus, while Claim 8 is directed to a scanner control apparatus, and Claim 1 is a system claim that includes both the scanner connection apparatus of Claim 6 and the scanner control apparatus of Claim 8. Thus, if anything, Claims 6 and 7 might be found to belong to one group, and Claims 8 to 12 might be found to belong to another group, but Claims 1 to 6 are linking claims that link both of the foregoing. Accordingly, based on Claim 1 being a linking claim, a more proper grouping would constituted Claims 1 to 12 as belonging to one group.